

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Robert F. Buck

Appl. No. 10/706,154

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For:

FINE-GRAINED MARTENSITIC STAINLESS STEEL AND METHOD

THEREOF

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Group Art Unit: 1742 Examiner: Yee, Deborah Confirmation No.: 7571

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION **MAILED JULY 30, 2004**

I. **Introductory Comments**

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2004.

An amendment transmittal sheet accompanies this present paper, indicating any required fees and corresponding means for payment. If any additional fees, including extension of time fees, are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.